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PER REFTEL, FIND BELOW AN UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION
OF THE POLITICAL/STRATEGIC RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE
OF PROGRESSIVE PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS OF THE SOUTHWEST INDIAN
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QUOTE:
THE DELEGATIONS OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE PROGRESSIVE
PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS OF THE SOUTHWEST ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN
OCEAN, ASSEMBLED AT MAHE (SEYCHELLES) ON THE 27, 28, AND
29 APRIL, 1978 HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING DIFFERENT POINTS:

I

THE PEOPLES OF THE SOUTHWEST ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, NEIGHBORS BUT SEPARATED BY CENTURIES BY THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH COLONIALISMS, FIND THEMSELVES UNITED BY A COMMON WILL OF THEIR PROGRESSIVE PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO EXAMINE TOGETHER THE PROBLEMS THAT CONCERN THEM, AND TO OPEN THE WAY TO A GREATER DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RELATIONS ON ALL PLANES. IN THIS SENSE, THIS CONFERENCE HAS A PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE.

II

THE PRESENCE OF OBSERVERS WHICH HAVE COME FROM NEIGHBORING LITTORAL COUNTRIES, OR STRUGGLING FOR THE SAME CAUSES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION, GIVES THE CONFERENCE AN HISTORIC DIMENSION AND AN EXEMPLARY CHARACTER OF SOLIDARITY.

THE CONFERENCE CONFIRMS ITS SUPPORT:

1. FOR THE STRUGGLE OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST APARTHEID, AND ITS SOLIDARITY TO ANC, TO P.A.C. AND OTHER FORCES THAT ENLIVEN THE STRUGGLE OF LABORERS, STUDENTS, AND INTELLECTUALS OF THEIR COUNTRIES.

2. FOR THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA AND OF ITS ORGANIZATION SWAPO FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE AND AGAINST THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DISMANTLEMENT OF ITS TERRITORY BY THE ATTEMPT TO DETACH THE ZONE OF WALVIS BAY.

3. FOR THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, DIRECTED BY ITS PATRIOTIC FRONT AND CONDEMNS WHAT IS CALLED "THE INTERNAL AGREEMENT" DESTINED TO DEFRAUD THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE OF THEIR LONG AND JUST STRUGGLE. THE CONFERENCE UNDERLINES THAT THE EMBARGO ON THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO THE RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN REGIMES SHOULD BE STRICTLY RESPECTED, AND DEMANDS THAT THE ECONOMIC EMBARGO DOES NOT SUFFER ANY VIOLATION; CONSEQUENTLY, IT CONDEMNS THE CONTINUING ECONOMIC SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM FOR THESE RACIST REGIMES.

4. THE CONFERENCE EQUALLY AFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT TO THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WESTERN SAHARA, TO ITS GOVERNMENT AND ITS POLISARIO FRONT, AND DEMANDS THAT THE DECISION OF THE OAU TO HOLD A CONFERENCE ON THE WESTERN SAHARA BE RESPECTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. IT EQUALLY AFFIRMS THE SAME SUPPORT TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND TO ITS ORGANIZATION, THE P.L.O., IN THEIR STRUGGLE

AGAINST ISRAELI AGGRESSION AND THE MANEUVERS OF ARAB FORCES. THE CONFERENCE FIRMLY CONDEMNS THE AGGRESSION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

6. THE CONFERENCE CONSIDERS THAT WITH THE END OF THE MILITARY CONFLICT THAT OPPOSED ETHIOPIA AND SOMALI, THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THESE BROTHERLY PEOPLES TO BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATION, IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE A PEACEFUL FUTURE IN THE FACE OF ACTIVE MANEUVERS OF IMPERIALISM AND REACTIONARY ARAB REGIMES TO DIVIDE AND OPPOSE THE PEOPLES AND THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF THIS AREA.

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CONCERNING THE REGION OF THE SOUTHWEST ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE CONFERENCE:

1. ASKS FOR THE IMMEDIATE REINTEGRATION OF MAYOTTE TO THE COMORAN STATE, THE DETACHMENT OF MAYOTTE IS NOT ONLY A BLOW TO NATIONAL COMORAN UNITY, BUT A MENACING PRECEDENT AGAINST THE INTEGRITY OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND THE ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN.

2. DEMANDS RESPECT FOR THE SOVERIGNTY OF MADAGASCAR OVER THE ISLANDS OF BASSAS DA INDIA, EUROPA, JUAN DE NOVA AND THE ARCHIPELAGO OF GLORIEUSE, AND OF MAURITIAN (SOVEREIGNTY) OVER THE ISLAND OF TROMELIN. THESE ISLANDS OUGHT TO CONTINUE TO ASSURE THEIR ROLE OF PERMANENT METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATION AND CYCLONIC ALERT FOR ALL THE OTHER ISLANDS OF THE SOUTHWEST

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INDIAN OCEAN. ALSO, JOINT EXPLOITATION OF THE RICHES OF THE
SEA IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE OF THESE ISLANDS SHALL BE REALIZED
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL THE ISLANDS OF THE
SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN.
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3. SUPPORTS THE CLAIM OF THE PEOPLE OF REUNION FOR ITS SELF-
DETERMINATION, EXPRESSES ITS SOLIDARITY WITH PROGRESSIVE
FORCES STRUGGLING AND PROTESTING AGAINST THE REPRESSION
DIRECTED AGAINST THEM.

IV

THE CONFERENCE CONCERNING MILITARIZATION GROWING IN
THE INDIAN OCEAN.

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN CONVERSATIONS ON THE
DEMILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND WISHES THEM
POSITIVE PROGRESS, BUT CONSIDERS THAT WHATEVER THE OBVIOUS
OVERLAPPING OF MILITARY PROBLEMS AT A GLOBAL LEVEL, THE
PROBLEM OF THE DEMILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD
NOT BE TAKEN AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS OR THAT QUESTION.

2. CONSIDERING THEMSELVES TO BE THOSE PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED, THE PEOPLES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE, NOT ONLY CONSULTED AND INFORMED OF THE UNFOLDING OF THE PRESENT CONVERSATIONS, BUT OUGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FULL ELABORATION AND IN THE TOTAL APPLICATION OF AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INDIAN OCEAN. CONSEQUENTLY, THE CONFERENCE WISHES TO SUPPORT THE ACTION OF THE U.N. ON THE QUESTION AND THE HOLDING OF A CONFERENCE OF PROGRESSIVE PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS OF THE ASSEMBLED LITTORAL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND THE ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN WITH THE VIEW OF ADOPTING THE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR PROGRESS ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. EFFECTIVE NOW, THE CONFERENCE CONSIDERS THAT, IF THE STRUGGLE FOR AN INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE BE LONG AND COMPLEX, IT IS REQUIRED THAT A CLEAR AND LOGICAL PROCESS BE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPOSED TO ASSURE THE LARGEST GATHERING OF THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES. CONSEQUENTLY, THE CONFERENCE CONSIDERS THE FOLLOWING PROCESS IS CONSISTENT AND INDIVISIBLE, AND INVOLVES:

A - THE DISMANTLEMENT OF THE AIR/NAVAL BASE OF DIEGO GARCIA AND THE RETURN OF THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO TO MAURITIUS.

B - THE WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH TROOPS COMING FROM ABROAD AND MASSIVELY CONCENTRATED IN REUNION THUS CONSTITUTING A PERMANENT THREAT AS MUCH AGAINST THE STRUGGLE OF THE POPULAR MASSES OF THE COUNTRY AS AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE NEIGHBORING ISLANDS, NONE OF THEM A THREAT TO REUNION.

C - THE PROGRESSIVE AND RECIPROCAL REDUCTION OF FLEETS AND AIRCRAFT OF NON-INDIAN OCEAN POWERS.

D - THE BANNING OF THE INTRODUCTION AND STOCK-PILING OF NUCLEAR ARMS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND IN THE COUNTRIES SURROUNDED BY IT.

E - THE DEMILITARIZATION AND THE FREE PASSAGE IN ALL STRAITS.

F - THE BANNING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL BASES AFTER THE DISMANTLEMENT OF DIEGO GARCIA AND THE EVACUATION OF TROOPS OF NON-REGIONAL STATES PRESENTLY STATIONED IN THE COUNTRIES AND THE ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN.

G - THE DISSOLUTION OF THE C.E.N.T.O. MILITARY PACT COMPOSED OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE ABANDONMENT OF THE PROJECT FOR THE PACT CALLED "THE SOUTH ATLANTIC" AS WELL AS ALL OTHER MILITARY PACTS DIRECTED AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

H - THE DENIAL OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO PROVIDE ANY
AID IN THE FUNCTIONING OF DEVICES OF MILITARY ESPIONAGE BY
SATELLITE OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, DIRECTED AGAINST THE PEOPLES.
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I - ON ANOTHER SCHEME, THE CONFERENCE DENOUNCES THE EFFORTS
OF IMPERIALISTS AND CERTAIN REACTIONARY REGIMES TO PUT INTO
ACTION "DESTABILIZATION" OPERATIONS (AGAINST) PROGRESSIVE
REGIMES OF THE AREA, AND CONSEQUENT UTILIZATION OF MERCENARIES
WHOSE CRIMINAL ROLE IN SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES WE HAVE
ALREADY SEEN, TO REFER TO THIS CONTINENT.

J - THE CONFERENCE TAKING NOTE OF THE RETREAT OF THE GREAT
COLONIAL POWERS OF THE 19TH CENTURY, AND OF THE PRESENT
STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN FOR NATIONAL
LIBERATION, FREEDOM, DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL PROGRESS AND PEACE,
CALLS THESE PEOPLES (TO BE) VIGILANT OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST
THE MANEUVERS OF IMPERIALISM AIMED AT ASSURING THE DEFENSE
OF THEIR TOTAL INTERESTS BY REGIONAL NEO-IMPERIALISMS WHICH
ARE SOUTH AFRICA, IRAN AND THE REACTIONARY ARAB REGIMES.

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THE CONFERENCE CONSIDERS THE ABOVE PROPOSED PROCESS IS
CAPABLE WHATEVER OBVIOUS LARGE OBSTACLES ARE ENCOUNTERED
ALONG THE WAY, TO FINALLY ACHIEVE THE AIM OF ALL THE PEOPLES:
TO MAKE THE INDIAN OCEAN A TRUE ZONE OF PEACE BY ITS TOTAL
DEMILITARIZATION BECAUSE THIS CAUSE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, ZONE
OF PEACE, HAS BECOME THE CAUSE FOR PROGRESSIVE HUMANITY, THE
CONFERENCE (UNANIMOUSLY) REQUESTS THE SUPPORT OF PROGRESSIVE
FORCES AND OF SOCIALISM OF ALL COUNTRIES EXPRESSES CONGRATU-
LATIONS FOR A CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN PROGRESSIVE FORCES, WISHES
THAT ALL (PEOPLE) OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN BE
EQUALLY IN AGREEMENT AND APPEALS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND ISLANDS, TO TAKE THE NECESSARY
MEASURES FOR THE APPLICATION OF SUCH A PROCESS. MATTSO

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